

*****December 10, 2018*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, December 10, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum
Vice Mayor Amy Speak
Councilmember Bill Lusk
Councilmember Susannah Murdock
Councilmember Robert Spalding

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Phillip Noblett
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White
See attached list for others present

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Minutes

The minutes for the November 12th regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the November 30th worksession were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Presentation of FY 2018 Audit Report

Brian Wright, CPA with Johnson, Murphey & Wright, P.C. presented the Council with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2018.

Mr. Wright gave a brief explanation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances on pages 20, 71, and 35. He explained that the Town had an increase in all funds of \$460,292.

Mr. Wright said the Town had placed over \$3 million into assets through, among other items, the building of Fire Station #2, several project in the State Street Aid Fund, and the purchase of a Hook Lift Truck System. He called the Council's attention to pages 4-15 which provide the Management Discussion and Analysis, which he said presents the highlights of the town's finances.

Mr. Wright stated the auditors were able to give an unmodified opinion on the Town's financial presentation. He explained this was the best type of opinion to receive. He said there were, once again, no findings of material noncompliance found.

Citizen Comments

Ryan Walker, Kentucky Avenue, spoke as a member of the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC) Board. He expressed concern at the recent slowdown of the repairs to the MACC.

Rick Saputa, Primrose Way, stated his belief that following a potential sale of the water system, any remaining funds should be distributed to the current customers. He expressed his support for a water rate study and asked how funds for sewer services are being spent. Mr. Saputa stated that residents in Old Towne should have a special assessment for the James Boulevard construction costs.

Anne Hagood, said she supports a water rate study.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DAVID CANTRELL AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS."
2. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING LINDA KELLY, RITA IRVIN AND CASEY HOUSTON AS MEMBERS OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN BEAUTIFICATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE."
3. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TROY KENNEDY AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SUBCOMMITTEE."
4. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MIKE RICHARDS AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS."
5. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ED GARBEE TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION."
6. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BARBARA WOMACK, CLYDE WOMACK, ANNE HAGOOD, KYLE KELLY, ROBERT RICHIE, JR., AND JOSHUA ROGERS AS MEMBERS OF A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE TREE BOARD ENTITLED TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S HEMLOCK CONSERVATION TASK FORCE."
7. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARY SCOTT NORRIS, JOHN WYNNE, ELAINE PRESTON, DAVID REED AND BONNIE HAMILTON TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S HISTORICAL COMMITTEE."
8. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JUDY BEATY AND ANNETTE ALLEN TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S LIBRARY BOARD."

9. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RYAN WALKER THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD."
10. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT INMAN AND SETH GRAHAM AS MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD."
11. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CHERYL GRAHAM, CHARLIE POSS AND MIKE RICHARDS TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION."
12. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOSH ROGERS AND CAROLINE WOERNER AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S PARKS BOARD."
13. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TALMADGE MINCEY AND GREG HOUSTON AS MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S PARKS BOARD."
14. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MIKE BUA AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S RECREATION BOARD."
15. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ANNE HAGOOD AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S TREE BOARD."

Vice Mayor Speek made a motion to approve resolutions 2018-80 through 2018-94. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

16. "A RESOLUTION BY THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTING BANK FORM RESOLUTIONS FOR SIGNATURES ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN."

Vice Mayor Speek made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

17. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH SUN LIFE FINANCIAL INSURANCE COMPANY FOR DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN EMPLOYEES AT THE RATE OF \$27.40 PER MONTH FOR INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES AND \$80.80 PER MONTH FOR EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019."

Vice Mayor Speek made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

18. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BILL LUSK AS THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, ON THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY/NORTH GEORGIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE BOARD."

Vice Mayor Speek made a motion to approve the resolution. Mayor Landrum seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

19. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOYD VEAL AS PROXY FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S REPRESENTATIVE, BILL LUSK, ON THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY/NORTH GEORGIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION."

Councilmember Spalding made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

20. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENGAGE THE MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICE TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE WATER RATE STUDY FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN WATER UTILITY, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00)."

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the resolution. Mayor Landrum seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2018-08, ENTITLED THE "FY 2018-2019 BUDGET ORDINANCE," TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THIS BUDGET YEAR."

Councilmember Lusk motioned to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the first reading.

Discussion

- a. School Traffic - SMMHS. Vice Mayor Speek expressed concern regarding safety issues resulting from the high density vehicle traffic at the Signal Mountain Middle High School (SMMHS). Following discussions, the Council asked this item be placed on the next worksession agenda for further dialogue.

Other Business

Mayor Landrum asked that a discussion regarding changing the schedule for the worksessions from day to night meetings be placed on the next worksession agenda.

Mayor Landrum informed the Council that the interviews of the attorney candidates will be on December 19th at 6 – 9 p.m. He said these interviews will not be an open meeting.

Town Manager, Boyd Veal, said that he has recently ascertained that Board liaison appointments require a majority vote. He asked that the Council to make a motion and take a vote even though these appointments were determined and stated in the minutes of the November 30th worksession minutes. Vice Mayor Speek made a motion to approve the Board liaison appointments made at the November 30, 2018 worksession. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

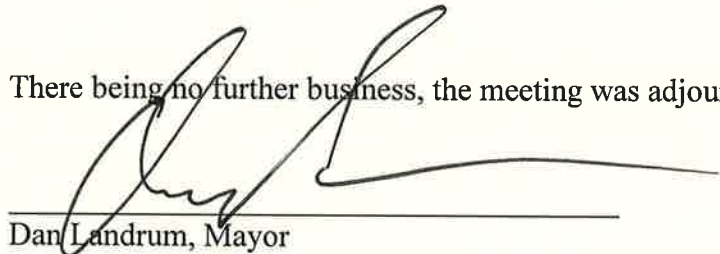
Mayor Landrum asked about the status of clarifying the role of the Board liaisons. Mr. Veal replied that he had forwarded draft language to the Mayor. Mr. Veal said that once he received approval of this draft, he would put it on a future agenda for discussion by the Council.

Mayor Landrum asked that committee minutes be put on the Town's website. Council discussed the best method to have committee minutes recorded. Council agreed to discuss this item further at the next worksession.

Tybur Buchheit, James Boulevard, informed the Council that the Scout project he has been working on for the Town is the creation of a dog park at the MACC. He said the project will cost more than he originally anticipated with his projected costs raising from \$2,000 to \$5,000. Mr. Veal said he is working with Tybur to identify issues (such as ADA access). Mr. Veal said that once they have worked through that process, the proposal will be brought to the Council for review.

Councilmember Spalding asked that the revision to the livestock Ordinance be placed on the next worksession for discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Dan Landrum, Mayor



Recorder